Docket No.: 043888-0312

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICES APR -5 FW 2: 55

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

US PATENT & TRADEMARK

Takayuki SHIRANE, et al.

Application No.: 10/826,389

Confirmation Number: 9712

Group Art Unit: 1745

Filed: April 19, 2004

Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo

For: SECONDARY BATTERY

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Mail Stop 16 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As agreed upon during an interview with Examiner Cantelmo, the amendment timely filed on November 30, 2005 (which properly traversed the finality of the previous Office Action) should have been entered and fully examined in view of the prematurity of the finality of the Office Action dated August 30, 2005. Subsequent to receiving the improper Advisory Action dated December 19, 2005, Applicants' representative initiated a telephone interview with Examiner Cantelmo during which Examiner Cantelmo agreed to withdraw the finality of the Office Action dated August 30, 2005 (thereby stopping the response clock on Applicants and placing the responsibility on the PTO to respond to the November 30, 2005 amendment), to enter and consider Applicants' amendment filed November 30, 2005; and to issue a new Office Action.

However, due to PTO error, the finality of the Office Action dated August 30, 2005 was never withdrawn and Applicants' representative did not receive the new Office Action (during Application No.: 10/826,389

the most recent interview, Examiner Cantelmo indicated that the new Office Action is now forthcoming). Applicants repeated inquiries to obtain the status of the new Office Action were not answered, so, to ensure the application was not abandoned, Applicants were forced to file a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time on February 28, 2006, with the corresponding fees which had to be paid solely because of the PTO error.

Accordingly, as agreed during the interview with Examiner Cantelmo, a refund in the amount of \$1,070.00 is hereby requested in the above-identified application because the Notice of Appeal and Petition For Extension of Time filed to prevent the application from going abandoned was due solely to PTO error.

Please immediately credit Deposit Account number 500417 in this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2005, now due to expire November 30, 2005, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on February 28, 2006.

Please charge the extension fee of \$570.00 (\$1,020.00 - \$450.00 = \$570.00, Two-Month Extension of Time, file August 18, 2005) to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN 'THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated August 30, 2005 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-3 and 5-14.

Appeal Fee:

\$ \$500,00

Not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application).

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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